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Changes Approved for 2001 City of Rockville Election

2001 is an election year in Rockville, but as you prepare to head for the polls, please be sure to note the changes the Mayor and Council recently made to the election process.

"These changes were needed. The City's election system hadn't been updated in almost 20 years," said Doris Ecelbarger, chair of Rockville's Board of Supervisors of Elections. "It was time to enter the 21st century."

The board began working on the changes, which are in place for the Nov. 6, 2001, election, in February 2000 and introduced them to the Mayor and Council in April of the same year.

One major change is the reduction in the number of election districts from 12 to 10. Originally, the board proposed a reduction to six districts, but as the Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed changes and listened to citizen input, it was decided that 10 districts were more sensible at this time. According to Ecelbarger, the board will watch how this number affects the election and re-address the situation at a later time.

In addition to reducing the number, the districts were realigned and given new boundaries to correct mapping inaccuracies and reflect annexations such as the King Farm and Fallsgrove.

"The method that we used to realign the boundaries – for example, using major thoroughfares as lines – will make it much easier to place new development in the election districts as the city continues to grow and change," said Ecelbarger.

Another major revision gives the board the authority to modify the 50-foot boundary area for electioneering to accommodate unusual sites and/or weather conditions. This is providing that no canvassing, electioneering, or postings take place in the building where ballots are cast, and that no voter ingress or egress is impeded.

In 2001, the board also will no longer be required to manually recount two random districts following the election. This requirement was put in place when automatic voting machines were replaced by punch cards.

"In 18 years, there never was an error in the recount. The numbers always agreed," said Ecelbarger. "The process seemed unnecessary especially since the machines are testing for accuracy before each election."

Other changes made to the Rockville election process include:

- Increasing the age of the persons allowed to accompany voters into the voting booth from five to 11 years.
- Revising the nomination form to include information as determined by the board.
- Eliminating the current charter requirement for a newly elected Mayor and Council to meet by a certain date. They must, however, meet at least once prior to Dec. 1.

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HOMETOWN h o l i d a y s

Memorial Day Weekend • May 26-28, 2001

Stay in town for the Holidays!

Call 301-309-3334 for more information. Admission is FREE!

- ★ Saturday Concert Performances by Sister Hazel and Nine Days
- ★ Sunday Concert Performance by Duke Ellington Orchestra
- ★ Special Hometown Holiday's Retrospective accompanied by Lasers and Fireworks
- ★ 57th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade
- ★ Carnival Rides, Children's Activities, and Food Vendors

Mayor Focuses on "What's Up" in Rockville

"What's Up?" in Rockville was the focus of Mayor Rose Krasnow's 2001 State of the City Address given on April 4 at the Gateway Towers Annex Building.

"It has been a busy, busy year," said Krasnow. "Rockville is going and growing in so many different directions, that it's been a challenge to keep up with it all."

The Mayor touched on development in Tower Oaks, which includes two office buildings that are approaching completion and plans for a third on Preserve Pkwy. In addition, plans for PG&E National Energy Group's headquarters and trading floor as well as a Clyde's restaurant are moving forward.

Construction at King Farm continues. As of March, residents are living in 380 single-family and 591 multi-family homes. Two office building are completed and leased and construction on a third has begun. Retail is booming with Nick's Chop House restaurant now open along with a branch of Equitable Bank and a new Safeway. In addition, a 12-acre park, which a team of residents helped to design, should be complete in six to eight months.

Approvals for Fallsgrove are happening quickly. The City has given its approval to more than 1,000 of the 1,530 allowable single-family, town home, and multi-family residences. They also have mandated that some of the office space be set aside for research and development as Rockville's reputation grows as the "home of the genome." In addition, the retail center will not only include the usual stores but also will feature a multi-modal transportation center designed to encourage the use of mass transit.

"If you are in our Town Center, and you look up, you will see cranes," continued

Krasnow. "After years of wishing and talking, things are finally popping up in the heart of Rockville."

Projects in Town Center include: the Foulger-Pratt three-building complex on Rt. 355 and Middle Ln., which broke ground in February; and a new building on 11. N. Washington St., which has been progressing rapidly. In addition, an office building at 21 Church St. and a new Sandy Spring Bank building on Rockville Pike near Richard Montgomery High School have been approved. Town Center also will include a new Rockville Regional Library (now in the design phase), new residential development (in the planning stage), and restaurants (expected to open this spring).

So what else is up in Rockville?

- The City released its Strategic Plan for Information Technology – a three-year plan that sets the direction for the City's current and future use of technology.
 - Construction of the Croydon Creek Nature Center, to be located at Rockville Civic Center Park, is underway, and it should be open this summer. It will highlight nature in the urban setting and include interesting exhibits and informative programs to help visitors understand the importance of "thinking globally and acting locally."
 - Rockville's first official skate park is now being built in Welsh Park and will include ramps, bowls, and fun boxes. The park is slated to open in May.
- Krasnow concluded by discussing some of the things that "went down" in Rockville in the last year, such as the Mayor and Council voting down the possibility of building big box

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Calendar of Events

City Events

4,5,11,12

Rockville Little Theatre; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; *The Philadelphia Story*; \$10 general admission, \$9 seniors/students; Call 301-340-1417

5,12,19

Farmers' Market; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Middle Ln. parking lot; Call 301-309-3330

6 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; 1 p.m.; Glenview Mansion; Rockville Art League; Call 301-309-3354

6 Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert Series; 2 p.m.; Glenview Mansion Conservatory; Rockville Singers; Call 301-309-3354

6 Rockville Little Theatre; 2:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; *The Philadelphia Story*; \$10 general admission, \$9 seniors/students; Call 301-340-1417

9 Bicycle Advisory Committee; 7:30 p.m.; Call 301-315-5796

12 Lincoln Park Spring Family Festival; Noon; Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center; Free; Call 301-545-5670

19 Off-Leash Testing; 10 a.m.; Middle Ln. parking lot; Call 301-309-3115

20 Rabies Clinic; 10 a.m.; Montgomery

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County Animal Shelter; Call 301-309-3115

20 Rockville Community Chorus; 7:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Free; Call 301-309-3340

26,27,28 Hometown Holidays; See pg. 1

For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

Imagine Rockville

15 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

2 Birthday Party; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #146; Register by April 25; Free

2 Beginner Hand Chime Choir; 3:15 p.m.; Six-week session; Activity #229; Register by April 25; Free

2,15,16 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

3 Veterans' Group; 10 a.m.; Activity #248; Register by April 26; Free

8 Are You at Risk for Osteoporosis?; 10:15 am.; Free

8 Readers' Group; 7 p.m.; Activity #275; Register by May 1; Free

10 Sleep Seminar; 1 p.m.; Free

10 Star-Spangled Planter; 1 p.m.; Activity #241; Register by May 1; \$20 members, \$25 non-members

11 Vinegars, Jams, and Jellies; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #242; Register by May 2; \$8 members, \$11

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

Hungerford/Stoneridge Elwood Smith Community Center • General renovations and accessibility upgrades include added meeting/activities room, restroom renovations, storage, and roof replacement • construction began in April • completion in September

Dawson Farm Park • Converting Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • includes: art, landscaping, and fencing around granary foundation • construction in spring

West End Skate Park • Asphalt work 75 percent complete and fencing 90 percent complete • equipment installed in late April • to include ramps, rails, pipes, etc. for skateboarders, rollerbladers, and bikers • scheduled to open May 19

Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement • Ongoing multi-year project • includes removing and replacing trees deemed hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

King Farm King Farm Park • Construction underway on 11-acre site • includes basketball and tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields, and picnic and open areas

General Projects Millennium Trail • Phase I construction to begin in May • completion in September • includes trail on Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd. • Phase II, located on Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy, received funding of \$735,000 • final design underway

Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey • Will update the topographical data for parks and grounds in the Rock Creek watershed • information gathered will provide for planning, asset inventory, and maintenance • take place throughout the spring

Croydon Creek Nature Center • Located at Rockville Civic Center Park • construction underway, with completion in September

I-270/Rt. 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Rt. 28 on south side across I-270 • will connect to Hurley and Nelson St. bikeways • under design • application for funding submitted in spring

Playground Equipment Improvements • Replacing equipment at Lone Oak and Welsh Parks during winter and spring '01

City Hall Expansion • Includes construction of a new wing and renovations to the existing building to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • plan includes a new entrance on Maryland Ave. • will allow for technology and energy upgrades • various options for accommodating additional required parking being studied, focusing on on-site solutions • parking demand reduction strategies being implemented • in the design and engineering phase • construction expected in fiscal year '02

CALL **301-309-3330** FORMOREINFO

Public Works

Town Center Maryland Ave. Extension • Roadway design specifications to extend Maryland Ave. from Middle Ln. to Beall Ave. • to be completed by November

Lincoln Park Ashley Ave.-Lincoln Park Drainage Improvements • Collector pipe installed along the south side of Ashley Ave. to which residents may connect their own sump pump discharge pipes • the goal is to reduce standing water in yards and improve drainage conditions • construction began in April

East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank • Includes removing tank in summer '01 prior to the start of the Highland Rd. project • Recreation and

Parks is working with neighborhoods to determine the use

West End Great Falls Road Project • Will improve the safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • includes 8-foot bike path, curb and gutter, and safety improvements • State has awarded contract • work to start this summer

General Projects Water Main Work • Goal is to strengthen water distribution system and improve "fire flows" on Chapman Ave. and Jefferson St. • replaced in summer '01

Baltimore Road • Adding on-street parking, curb and gutter, traffic calming measures, and bike path sidewalk facilities between First St. and Broadwood Dr. • this summer an upgrade to existing bike path will be constructed between Gladstone and the city limits

Falls Road Bikeway • Construction from Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. nearly complete • as soon as weather permits, the City will lay a final layer of asphalt, erect fences, and landscape

Wootton Pkwy. Widening Project • Staff will evaluate the next stage of widening Wootton Pkwy. from Hurley Ave. to Scott Dr. in fiscal year '02 • will include evaluating demand, establishing citizen work groups, and designing • resident input sought and to be incorporated • other work this summer will include the installation of a traffic signal and construction of a right turn lane on Scott Dr. • Wootton Pkwy. will be extended to tie directly into Darnestown Rd.

Asphalt Program • Scheduled to begin in July • will mainly take place in area west of I-270

CALL **301-309-3220** FORMOREINFO

So You Want to Build a Deck...

Are the signs of spring causing you to think about long summer days relaxing on a deck? If so, there are a few things you need to know before putting hammer to nail.

Before you design a deck, determine the required setback for your deck from the property line in the zone where your property is located. You can find this information in the City's Zoning Ordinance, and it varies from subdivision to subdivision. City staff can assist you in understanding the setback requirements. Assistance is available at City Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by calling 301-309-3200.

You also need to obtain a building permit prior to starting construction of a deck or any other structure. To secure a permit, you need to complete a Residential Building Permit Application Form and submit it to the Inspection Services Division. Along with this form, you need to include two copies of

the detailed construction plans for the deck and two copies of a recent survey, which depicts your house and any additions with the deck drawn in to scale. They must include the dimensions of the deck, the size lumber you will use, location and size of posts and beams, joist spans, and stair and railing details.

Besides meeting the requirements of the 1995 One and Two Family Dwelling Code for deck construction, certain other criteria apply. Decks must be securely attached to the primary building through the use of a ledger board with half-inch bolt connections to a dimension lumber band board or parallel joist. If this can't be accomplished, the deck must be designed and constructed as an independent structure. Guardrails must be designed so that they do not provide a foothold for climbing, and stair tread and riser dimensions must meet code requirements.

Starting in May, the City's Inspection Services Department can provide you with a composite deck plan, which can be used to secure a permit. This plan, drawn by a licensed architect, enables you to obtain a permit without additional structural plans. The plan must be followed exactly in constructing the deck, both in terms of design and deck dimensions. Changes from the design are not allowed for an on-the-spot permit.

Inspections during the course of construction of your deck are necessary to determine code compliance and to ascertain that the approved plans are being followed. A footing inspection, conducted prior to pouring the footings, an inspection of the attachment of the deck, and a framing and stair/railing inspection are the minimum required. Additional inspections may be necessary for decks of unusual size or design. ❖

CALL **301-309-3200** FORMOREINFO

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- Requiring that the absentee ballot application be available by May 1.
“If these changes prove to be successful, other changes that were brought to light by residents as we went through the process will be addressed by the board in the future,” said Ecelbarger. ❖

CALL **301-309-3310** FOR MORE INFO

State of the City, from pg. 1...

stores with more than 65,000-square-foot of space in the city and citizens giving a thumbs down to a proposed parking lot on Fleet St. and Maryland Ave.

She also looked at what’s ahead for Rockville including changes to Hometown Holidays as Town Center is developed. In the future, this event will probably evolve into a street fair. In 2001, the City will mark the 200th anniversary of being dubbed Rockville. To commemorate this event, the City has worked with Peerless Rockville to create a walking and virtual tour that lets you explore sites that existed in Rockville from 1801 to 1850.

“We have much to celebrate in Rockville,” said Krasnow. “We have a redeveloping Town Center, new homes and offices around the city, residents who care and are involved in their City government, and a government that listens and responds. We have a past history that we can honor and be proud of, a present that we value and have worked hard to achieve, and a future that we are planning so we and future generations can continue to have the quality of life that we have come to know and enjoy.” ❖

In Brief

New Eight-Month Winter-Only RMSC Membership Offered

For those residents interested in swimming indoors after their community pools have closed for the season, the City has implemented a new eight-month, winter-only membership to the Rockville Municipal Swim Center (RMSC). However, the traditionally popular five-month, summer membership also will continue to be sold. For the costs of these memberships, visit the RMSC.

In March, new RMSC fees were implemented. These include: adult admission \$4.50 (resident)/\$5.50 (non-resident); child admission, \$3.50 (resident)/\$4.50 (non-resident); family annual pass, \$455 (resident)/\$515 non-resident); and individual annual pass, \$275 (resident)/\$310 (non-resident). There also will be changes in instructional fees. Visit the RMSC for more information.

CALL **301-309-3040** FOR MORE INFO

Summer Playgrounds

Make the most out of summer for your kids – enroll them in Rockville’s Summer Playgrounds program. The program takes place at City parks from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration is underway. The costs are: \$20 resident, one-child; \$50 resident, family rate (three or more children); and \$125 non-residents. Other fees include: \$10, introduction to tennis (one class per week); \$10, swimming lessons (once per week); fees for field trips. Children must be five or older to participate.

CALL **301-309-3025** FOR MORE INFO

Service and Maintenance Make RedGate Successful

Rockville’s RedGate Municipal Golf Course continues to be one of the areas most popular public courses, and the Mayor and Council attribute this to many factors. The ongoing effort to provide exceptional maintenance and conditioning and a high level of customer service are just two examples. A four-tee system at each hole, efforts to speed play, and tee-to-green cart paths for all 18 holes also add to the appeal of RedGate.

The Mayor and Council recently approved new fees for RedGate. For residents, these are: nine holes (weekday), \$14; 18 holes (weekday), \$23; nine holes (weekend), \$16; 18 holes (weekend), \$26; nine holes (jr. weekday), \$11; 18 holes (jr. weekday), \$18; nine holes (sr. weekday), \$12; and 18 holes (sr. weekday), \$19. For non-residents, these are: nine holes (weekday), \$16; 18 holes (weekday), \$26; nine holes (weekend), \$19; 18 holes (weekend), \$31; nine holes (jr. weekday), \$13; 18 holes (jr. weekday), \$21; nine holes (sr. weekday), \$14; and 18 holes (sr. weekday), \$22. The fees for annual passes are: \$904 (seven-day resident); \$1,166 (seven-day non-resident); \$655 (five-day resident); and \$879 (five-day non-resident).

CALL **301-309-3055** FOR MORE INFO

Rock-Enroll

Tired of standing in lines to register for recreation programs? This fall, you’ll be able to sign up for classes using Rock-Enroll, the City’s new on-line and telephone registration system. To do this, you’ll need a family account number and an individual identification number, both of which will be sent by mail in August to residents who registered for any recreation classes after Feb. 14, 2001. First-time registrants can visit the Recreation and Parks desk at City Hall starting now or sign up on the City’s Web site (www.ci.rockville.md.us) to get their account and individual identification numbers. For more information watch *Rockville Reports*, *The Rockville Channel* (ch. 11/33/53), and the City’s Web site.

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Town Center Advisory Committee

The Town Center Master Plan Advisory Committee is expected to complete its review of the City consultant’s recommendations for the plan. A draft plan, incorporating those recommendations, should be available in early May. A public outreach campaign also is planned.

CALL **301-309-3244** FOR MORE INFO

Leash Laws

If you are a dog owner, the City would like to remind you that your dog must be leashed or restrained whenever it goes off your property, unless you and your dog have passed the City’s Off-Leash program. The Rockville City Code requires that all dogs and owners successfully complete this test before the dog may be walked without a leash in the city.

CALL **301-309-3114** FOR MORE INFO

Asian Heritage Month

In celebration of the 22nd Annual Asian Heritage Month, the Asian-American Community Club will showcase works of art created by club students at Rockville City Hall from May 1 through 31. The exhibit is free and open during City Hall business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

May is Bike Month

The City is celebrating National Bike Month during May with some great events. These include: May 6 – Bike Safety Rally at Ritchie Park Elementary School, 2 p.m.; and May 9 – Bike to Work Day (rain date May 10). Also during Hometown Holidays (May 26-28), ride your bike to the events and you are eligible to win a prize.

CALL **301-315-5796** FOR MORE INFO

Senior Center Yard Sale and Cafe

Rockville’s Senior Center will host an indoor yard sale and café, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 19. There will be household items, a computer sale, a craft and bake sale, homemade lunch items, and a raffle.

CALL **301-309-3161** FOR MORE INFO

Ballet Instructors

Rockville’s Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking instructors to teach pre-ballet and creative movement classes on Saturdays this summer. The pay is \$17.53 plus per hour depending on experience.

CALL **301-309-3236** FOR MORE INFO

Senior Center Health Fair

Join Rockville’s Senior Center for a Health Fair on Wednesday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include screenings, product demonstrations, food samples, and a fitness walk.

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Farmers’ Market

Spring is here and that means it’s time to enjoy the fabulous produce available at the Rockville Growers Only Farmers’ Market. The market, which is located in the Middle Ln. parking lot, will open for the season on May 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be open on Saturdays throughout the month.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Mercado de Granjeros

La primavera está aquí y es la temporada para comenzar a gozar de los productos fabulosos disponibles de los granjeros y cultivadores del área de Rockville. El mercado, que está situado en el estacionamiento de Middle Lane, se abrirá a partir del 12 de mayo desde las 9 de la mañana hasta la 1 de la tarde todos los sábados durante el mes de mayo.



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non-members; \$20 material fee

15 Diabetes; 1:15 p.m.; Free

16 Estate Planning; 10:15 a.m.; Free

16 Classical Music Appreciation; 1 p.m.; Activity #251; Register by May 9; Free

17 Hearing Screening; Call for an appointment

22 Summer Sides and Salads; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #246; Register by May 11; \$10 members, \$14 non-members

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

For Teens

4 Teen Club Special Event; 7:30 p.m.; Julius West Middle School; \$2 Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members; For Julius West students only

22 Teen Club Billiards and Golf; 12:15 p.m.; \$15 for Teen Club members, \$18 for non-members

For more information, call the Teen Programs Coordinator at 301-309-3345.



Rockville Bikeways: Wear a Helmet

Head injuries cause 75 percent of the deaths from bicycle crashes, but 88 percent of brain injuries could be prevented by wearing a helmet. In fact, Maryland law requires that children younger than age 16 wear a helmet.

If you need a helmet, the City may be able to help. Send your request to: Bikeway Coordinator, Department of Recreation and Parks, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville MD 20850.



May Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS Mayor & Council Live

May 7, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
(budget)
May 14, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
May 21, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
May 29 (Tues.), 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 a.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

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Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.
Sun., 11 p.m.

Trees in Rockville

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 11 p.m.

Economic Development

Daily, 7 a.m. and
10:30 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the March 12 and 26 meetings:

The Mayor and Council:

- Appointed: Henry Battle (Rockville Housing Enterprises); Stanley Klein (Traffic and Transportation Commission); and Ruth Roberts (Animal Matters Board).
- Awarded RFP#49-01 to Ramptech Inc., of Woodbridge, Va., in an amount not to exceed \$70,426, for the design, construction, and installation of the Skate Park.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to amend ordinance #2-01 to appropriate funds and levy taxes for fiscal year 2001.
- Adopted zoning ordinance text amendment application TXT 1999-00180, Fairfield Residential LLC, applicant, which would amend portions of article VII, division 3, section 25-326 of the zoning ordinance relating to the optional method of development in the O-1 zone.
- Discussed and instructed staff on street closing and abandonment application SCA2000-00182, Mary Howard, applicant, which would abandon a portion of an alley that is approximately 10.8 feet in width and runs a distance of approximately 121 feet from the right-of-way of Park Rd. that contains a total area of 1,220 sq. ft. of land between 302 and 304 Park Rd.
- Discussed, instructed staff on, and introduced an ordinance to approve street closing and abandonment application SCA2000-0081, Investment Properties LLC, applicant, which would abandon two small areas of public right-of-way, one of which is 219 sq. ft. at the northeast corner of the intersection Courthouse Sq. and N. Washington St. and the second of which is located at the northeast corner of N. Washington St. and E. Middle Ln., and is comprised of 76 sq. ft.
- Awarded bid #61-01 to Frederick Ward Associates Inc., of Columbia, Md., in the amount of \$204,901.74, for parks boundary, topographic, and tree inventory survey.
- Awarded bid #64-01 to Safety League, of New Cumberland, Penn., in the amount of \$41,817.50, for Gemini Headliner video system.
- Approved 2001-2001 fees for the Rockville Municipal Swim Center and for RedGate Municipal Golf Course.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend chapter 8, section 3, of the Rockville City Code entitled *Elections* so as to reduce the number of election districts from 12 to 10.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

May 7 Public Hearing
May 9 (Wed.) Work Session
May 14 General Session/Work Session
May 21 Public Hearing
May 29 (Tues.) General Session

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Council meetings are televised live on *The Rockville Channel* (ch. 11/33/53). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council Office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing.

May 14 Glennon Harrison
May 21 Anne Robbins
May 29 (Tues.) Bob Wright

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Cable Communications Advisory Committee

(City representative): The committee assists in the oversight of the franchise agreement and advises the County on use of the cable system and allocation of grants for public service. A knowledge of the County, communications technology and law, accounting, and business management is desired. Members must file confidential financial disclosure statements annually.

Human Services Advisory Commission (one consumer vacancy):

This nine-member commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human service needs in Rockville. It monitors changes in human needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. They also may study specific human service-related problems. Members serve over-lapping three-year terms.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board (two vacancies):

Members of this nine-member body encourage the development of desirable recreation and park facilities in the city and recommend programs for young people and adults that suitably reflect the

needs of the citizens. One Rockville youth serves as a member of the board. Members serve for overlapping two-year terms.

Senior Citizens Commission (one vacancy):

This nine-member board proposes programs, activities, legislation, etc. to meet the needs of senior citizens in Rockville. Members also conduct such studies as are necessary to determine those needs. Members serve for three years.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

May 5, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

May 8, 7 p.m.

Human Services Advisory
Commission, 14 Moore Dr.

May 8, 7:30 p.m.

Science, Technology, and Environment
Commission

May 9 and 23, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Arts Commission

May 15, 1:15 p.m.

Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

May 17, 5 p.m.

Board of Supervisors of Elections

May 15, 7 p.m.

Historic District Commission

May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Rockville Housing Enterprises,
14 Moore Dr.

May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Sister City Corp.

May 23, 7:30 p.m.

Human Rights Commission

May 24, 10 a.m.

Senior Commission, Senior Center

May 24, 7 p.m.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board,
RedGate Golf Course

May 24, 7:30 p.m.

Traffic and Transportation
Commission

May 29, 5:30 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission



May Walking Town Meeting

Take a walk through Woodley Gardens with the Mayor and Council on May 12 at 10 a.m. These Walking Town Meetings give residents the opportunity to walk through their neighborhood on a scheduled route with the Mayor and Council, City staff, and other citizens and speak with them about issues affecting their neighborhoods. ♦

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